

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Jamison-Fitzsimmon House Survey Number: F:7-128  
Project: I-270/US 15 Multimodal Study, Montgomery and Frederick Co. Agency: SHA  
Site visit by MHT Staff: X no     yes Name                                  Date                           
Eligibility recommended            Eligibility not recommended X  
Criteria:    A    B    C    D Considerations:    A    B    C    D    E    F    G    None  
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Jamison-Fitzsimmon property is located south of Urbana at 9901 Dr. Perry Road in Frederick County. The property, including a residence, a barn, farm equipment sheds and domestic outbuildings is not considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Jamison-Fitzsimmon House was built by the locally prominent Jamison family in the late 19th century in response to the growing agricultural development of Frederick County. The region anticipated agricultural expansion because of improved transportation networks provided by the C&O Canal, a new road network which focused on turnpikes between agricultural centers and ports, or railroads, or markets.

The house is a two-story, three-bay frame dwelling with a two-story rear ell. The house is covered with a cross-gable roof and features a central gable on the facade. The house is clad with replacement siding and has new windows. The original porch with turned posts is deteriorating and the house is generally in poor condition. The house is representative of late 19th-century rural dwellings and lacks the architectural integrity to be considered eligible for listing under Criterion C. Despite its association with the locally prominent Jamison House, the property is not known to have had any associations with persons or events significant to our past and is thus not eligible under Criteria A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Inventory Files

Prepared by: MHT form, 1986; DOE, Rita Suffness, Cultural Resources Group Leader, SHA, 1996

Kimberly Prothro Williams September 26 1996  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes     no     not applicable

Rita Suffness 9/30/96  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

## I. Geographic Region:

☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)  
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)  
☒ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)  
☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

## II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

☐ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.  
☐ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.  
☐ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.  
☐ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.  
☐ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.  
☐ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900  
☐ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600  
☐ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750  
☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815  
☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870  
☒ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930  
☐ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present  
☐ Unknown Period ( ☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

## III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

☐ Subsistence  
☐ Settlement  
☐ Political  
☐ Demographic  
☐ Religion  
☐ Technology  
☐ Environmental Adaptation

## IV. Historic Period Themes:

☐ Agriculture  
☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning  
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)  
☐ Government/Law  
☐ Military  
☐ Religion  
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural  
☐ Transportation

## V. Resource Type:

Category: BuildingHistoric Environment: RuralHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

## **FRAMEWORK FOR IDENTIFYING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA**

F-7-128

Jamison/Fitzsimmon House  
9901 Dr. Perry Road  
Urbana vicinity  
Frederick County, MD

### **HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

#### **MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN**

**Geographic Organization:** Piedmont

#### **Chronological/Development Periods:**

Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1600-1815

Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

#### **Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):**

Agriculture

Architecture

Settlement

#### **Resource Type:**

Category: building(s)

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): private residence and agricultural outbuildings

Known Design Source: none

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. *F-7-128*

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Jamison/Fitzsimmon House

and/or common None

**2. Location**

street & number 9901 Dr. Perry Road, Urbana vicinity ☐ not for publication

city, town Urbana ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Frederick

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse, Maryland liber

street & number folio

city, town Frederick state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Jamison/Fitzsimmon House is a rural farmstead consisting of a farmhouse and various outbuildings associated with the use of the farm during the 19th and 20th century. The farmhouse is a frame, gable-roofed, three-bay, two-and-a-half story structure, located off a dirt driveway from Dr. Perry Road, facing eastward. A central gable is located over the front door. A one-story front porch extends nearly the width of the front bay, with a flat roof, and wooden floor. This porch may be a late 19th century addition, and retains turned posts with decorative molding, including brackets and spindles. Fishscale shingles have been added to the front gable. Windows are 9 over 6 on the lower floor, and 6 over 6 on the upper floor. The roof is metal shingled. There is one chimney on the gable end of the front block and another chimney on the gable end of the rear ell.

The house foundation is of unmortared fieldstone that has been patched in some locations. A cellar entrance is located on the outside rear of the main house block. A rear ell on the east side of the house was probably added at a later date, and has a brick and cinder block foundation. Double hung windows are on the rear ell addition. This rear addition may have been another building, moved to the site, since the roof line heights vary between the two sections, and windows are on different planes. There is a one-story enclosed porch on the rear ell.

To the northwest of the house is a large bank barn, with fieldstone foundation, sloping downward on the north side to form a first floor. There are several other outbuildings, including another barn to the west of the house, as well as a flat-roofed shed south of the latter building. There is another small gable-roofed cinder block shed on the north side of the house.

Resource Count: 6

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates ca. 1815 Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☒ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Jamison House Farmstead is significant as an example of a rural farmstead of Frederick County that was built by a prominent local family (Jamison) in response to the growing agricultural development of Frederick County during the early 19th century. The region anticipated agricultural expansion of the hinterlands because of improved transportation networks provided by the C&O Canal (and Patowmack Canal), new road network that focused on turnpikes between agricultural center and market or port, and the railroads, such as the B&O, in providing access to these same markets. Architecturally, the house and outbuildings are good examples of once-typical farmsteads, becoming scarce. The house and outbuildings possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

This farmstead is within the Piedmont geographic region, within the general vicinity of the town of Urbana, near the former Frederick and Urbana turnpike (Route 355), three miles from the former B&O railroad line in Ijamsville, and seven miles south of Frederick. Agriculture in Frederick County centered around the production of grains and cereals, and the county was the largest producer of wheat in the country by 1790. New and easier transportation modes made the region attractive for settlement, and the lands around Urbana were noted as highly productive and well improved. Crops grown in Urbana included wheat, rye, corn, oats, potatoes, and tobacco.

The farmhouse retains architectural integrity, and displays late 19th century improvements, including expansion of the earlier house, and incorporation of new architectural features such as decorative molding and trim. Few significant architectural modifications are evident, with the exception of later additions to the new section of the house. The various buildings on the farmstead reflect the varied architectural styles found in Frederick County, dating from the ethnic influences of German, English, Scots and Irish settlers. The large bank barn is a typical form for Frederick County, and reflects local German architectural influence. The smaller barn is typical of a tobacco storage structure, designed to store tobacco before shipment to market.

The Jamison family immigrated from southern Maryland early in the 19th century, perhaps bringing with them cultural patterns of tidewater farming, and other architectural styles of a tobacco-based economy.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-7-128

Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O. Titus & Co., Philadelphia, 1873.  
History of Frederick County, Maryland by T. J. C. Williams and Folger McKinsey,  
Regional Publishing Co., Baltimore, reprint of L. R. Titsworth & Co., 1910.  
Frederick County Business Directory, 1886. W. T. Delaphaine & Co., Frederick, Maryland.  
p. 263 (Urban P.O.)

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than 1 acreQuadrangle name UrbanaQuadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary is drawn to include the farmhouse and its associated outbuildings. No agricultural fields are included.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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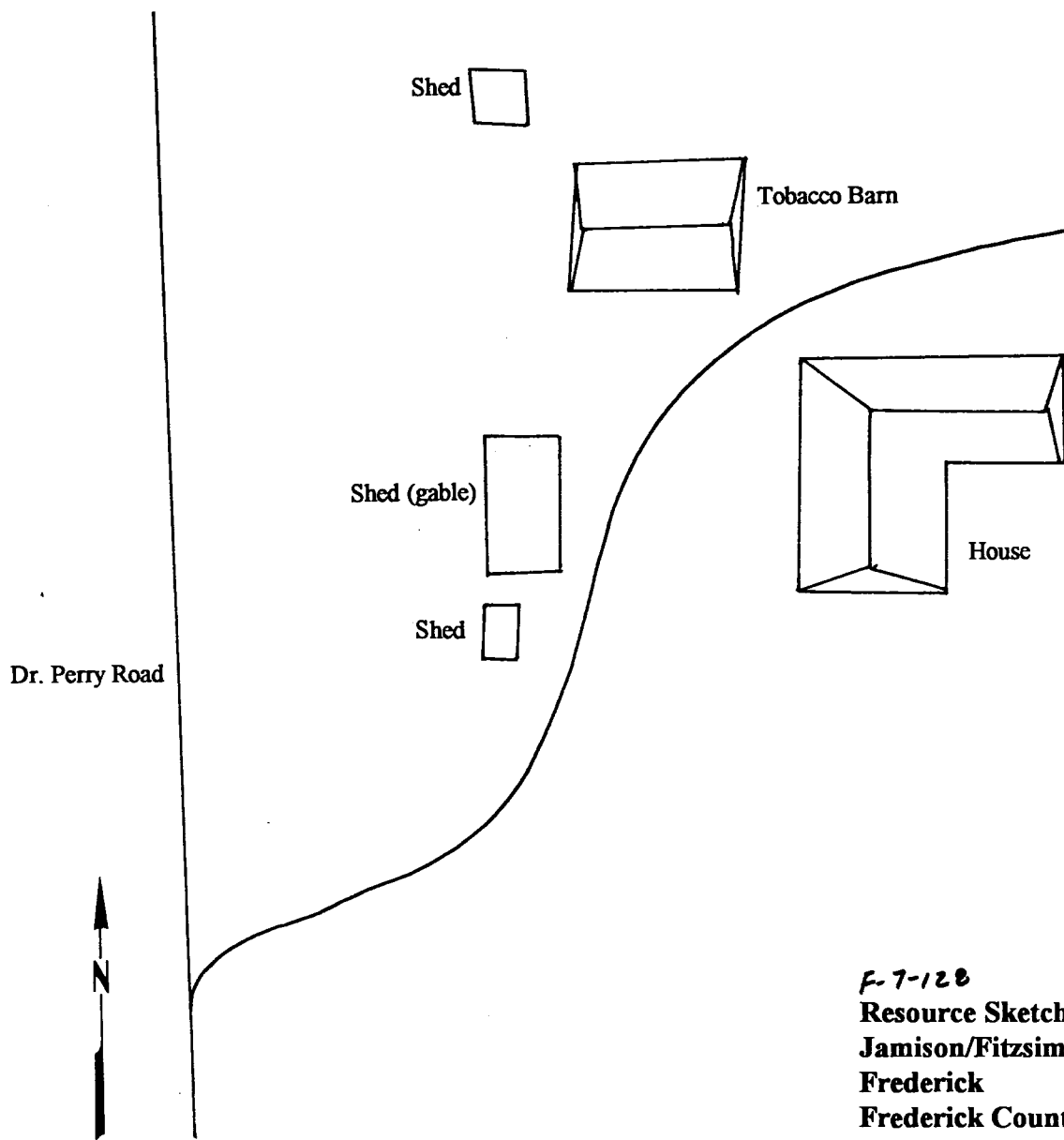
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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE (Cont.)

The Jamison family is first represented in Frederick County by John Jamison, whose son John Ignatius Jamison was born in 1820 in the Urbana area, perhaps in this house, and well known as an agriculturalist and merchant. The family was Catholic and was responsible for donating the land for the local Catholic Church, St. Ignatius Church, and encouraging settlement by other Catholics in this German-influenced area of Frederick County. Brook I. Jamison, son of John Ignatius, remained in the Urbana district, attended local public schools and business college in Baltimore in 1867. He returned home and remained in the general merchandising business with his father, under the firm name of J.I. Jamison & Son, continuing until 1886, when he moved to Walkerville. Brook Jamison remained active in the Urbana district throughout the 19th century, and was a director of the local bank, promoters of the water company, and school director of the Urbana District.





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**Resource Sketch Map**  
**Jamison/Fitzsimmon House**  
**Frederick**  
**Frederick County, Maryland**

Attachment 23-Proposed  
Historic Site Boundary -  
Jamison/Fitzsimmon House

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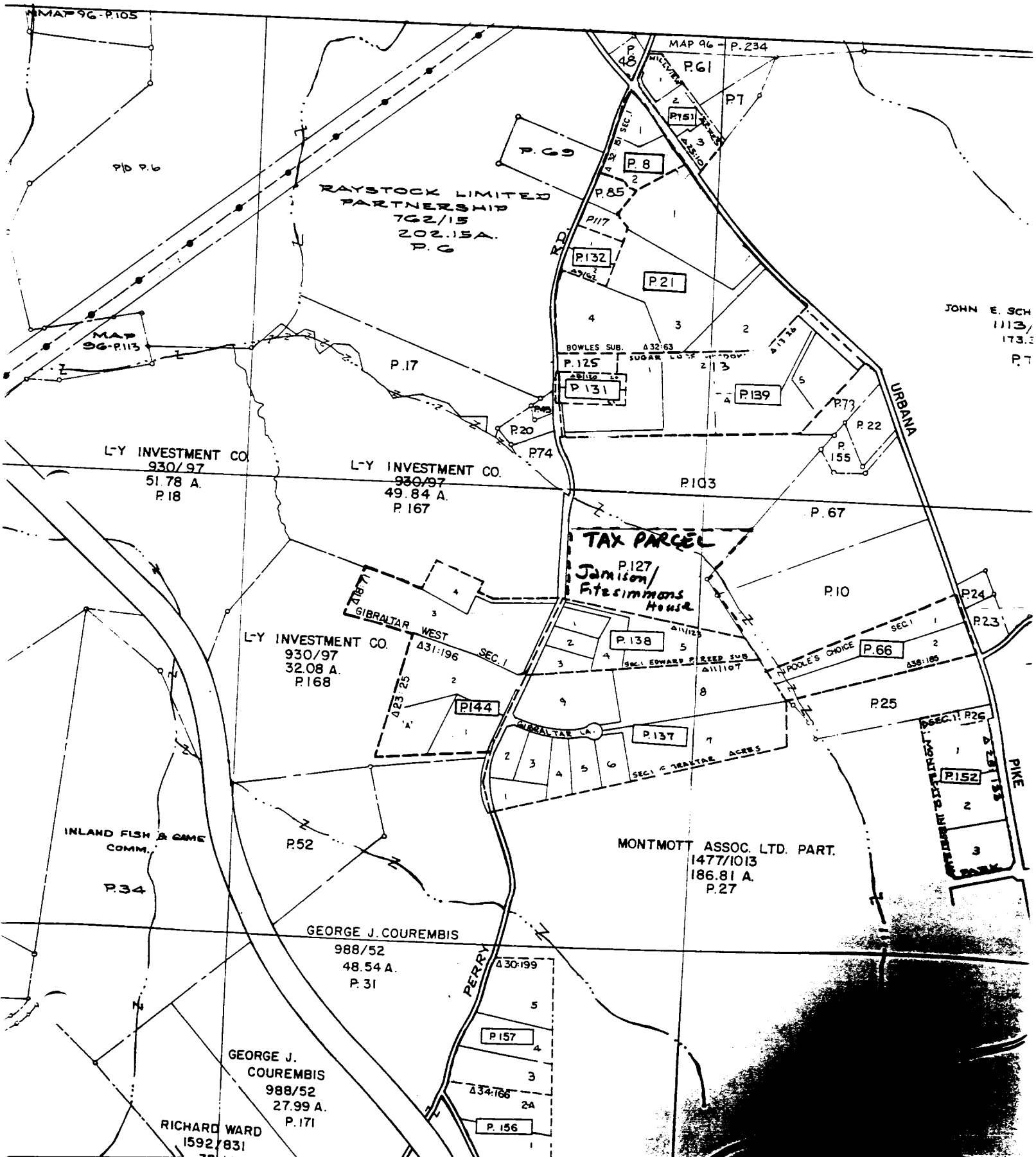


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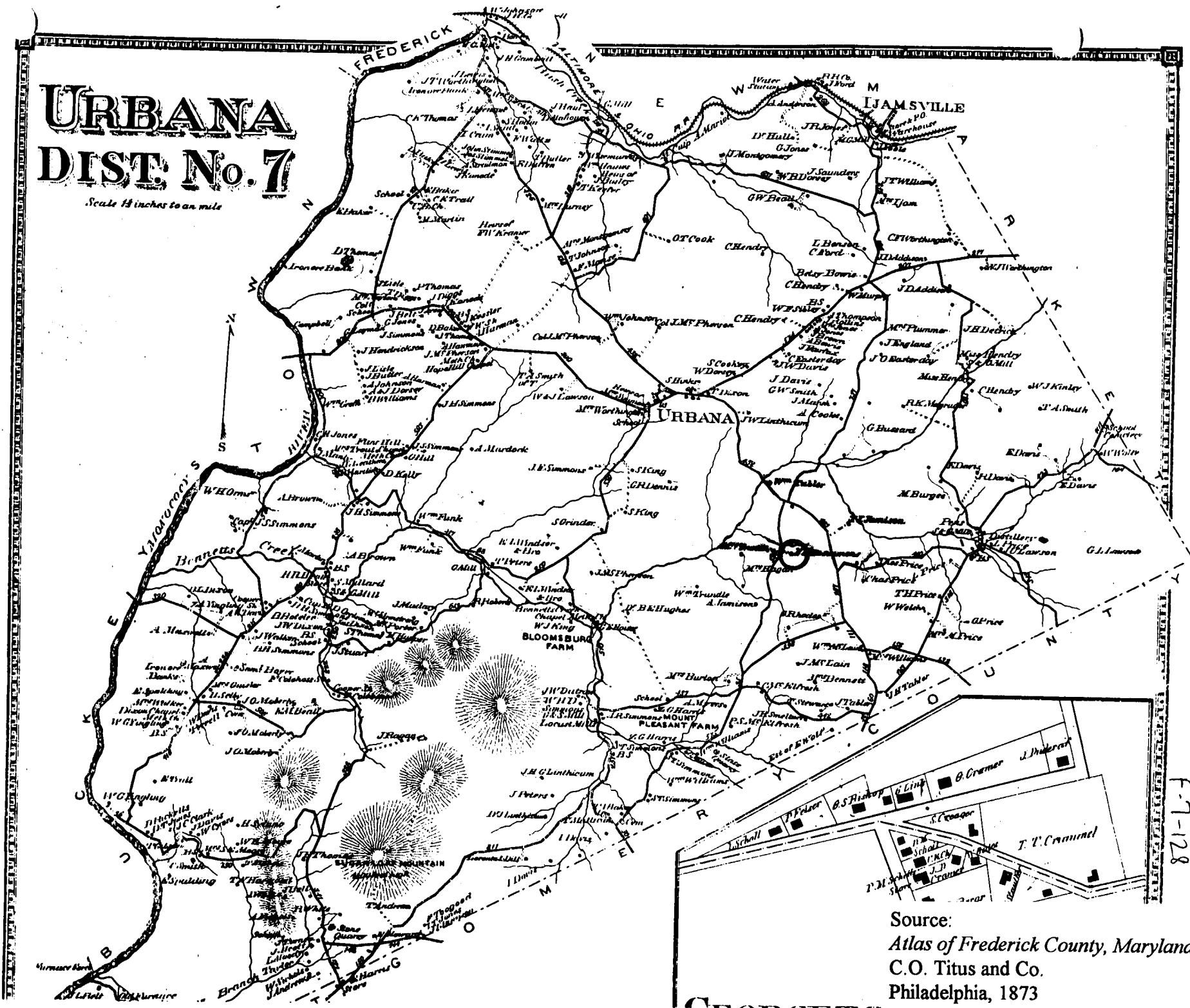
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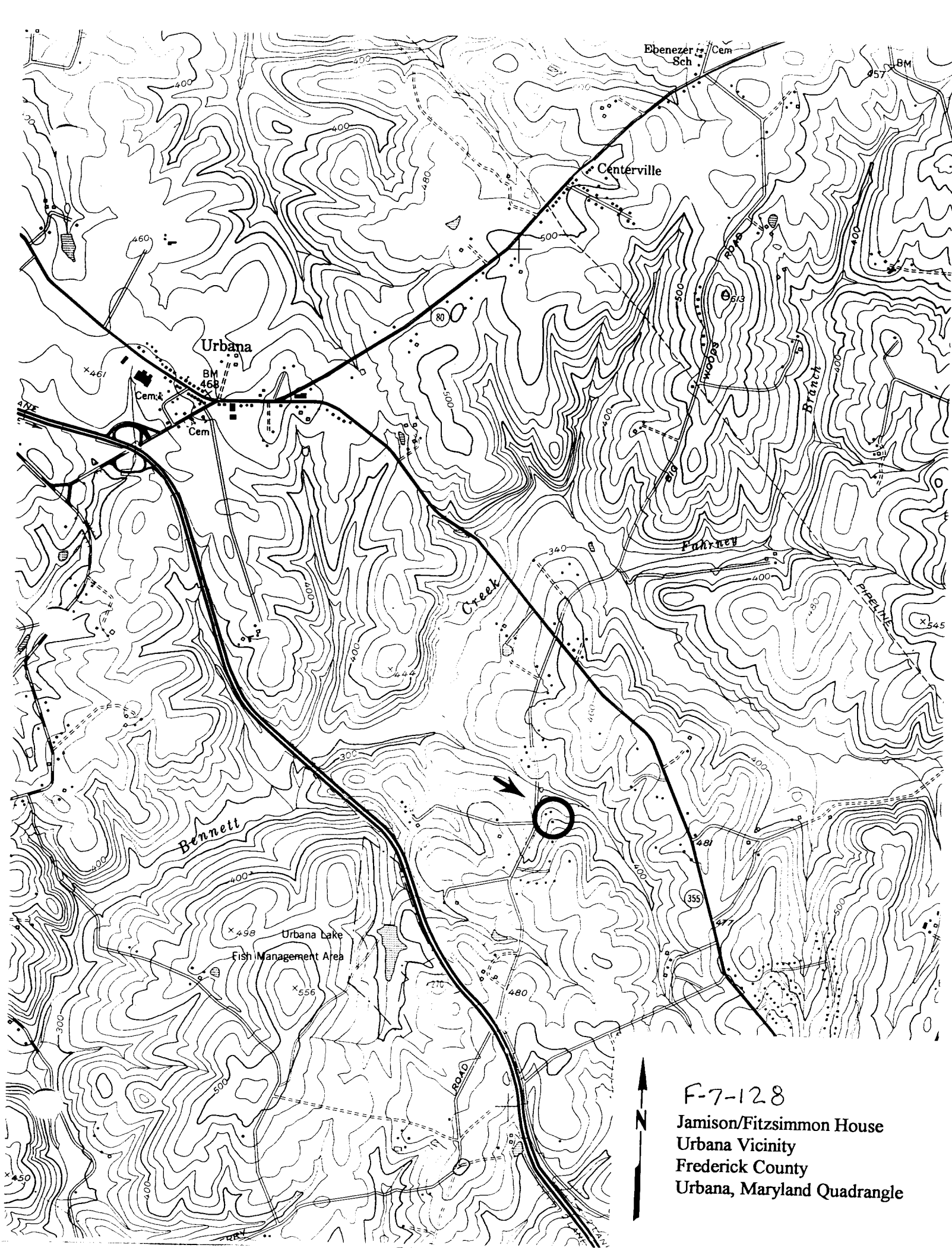


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Scale 1/4 inches to an mile



Source:  
Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland  
C.O. Titus and Co.  
Philadelphia, 1873



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Jamison/Fitzsimmon House  
Urbana Vicinity  
Frederick County  
Urbana, Maryland Quadrangle





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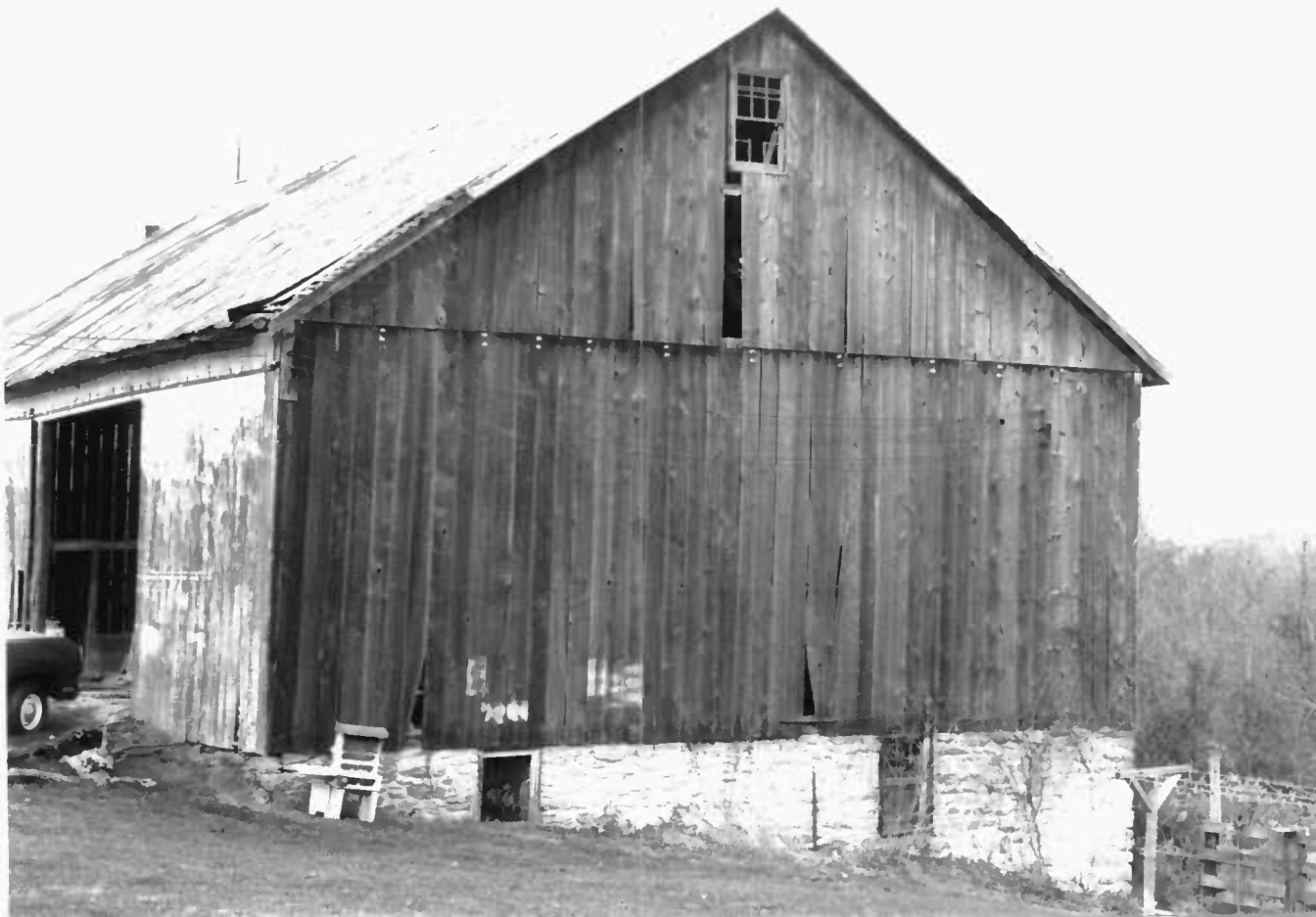












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